



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Christopher J. NICHOLS

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Title: HUMAN PARALOGUE OF A HEAD TRAUMA INDUCED CYTOPLASMATIC CALCIUM BINDING PROTEIN

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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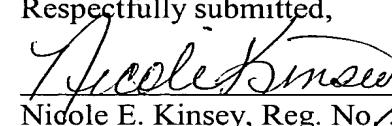
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 12, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with  
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traverse Group 1, drawn to claims 1-3 and 9.

EE A search of Groups I-IV would be co-extensive, and would not represent a serious search burden  
for the patent office. Absent a serious burden of examination, restriction is not proper. See M.P.E.P. §803.  
Thus, the requirement should be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to  
charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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